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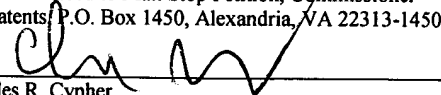


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Inventor: Alfonso Losada
Assignee: Simpson Strong-Tie Company, Inc.
Title: POWER ACTUATED GUN WITH AUTOMATIC FIRING
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Applicant believes that the papers submitted by Express Mail Service on December 18th, 2007 are considered to have not been received because Applicant has received a Notice of Abandonment in this case. Applicant received on December 28th 2007, the Notice of Abandonment dated December 27th, 2007. This petition is being filed promptly thereafter. 37 C.F.R. § 1.10(e) (1).

The following attached papers are those required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.10(e):

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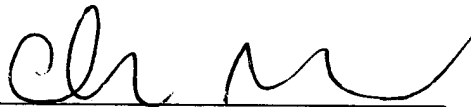
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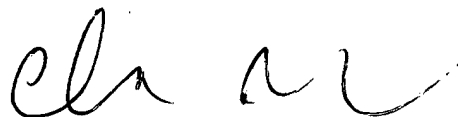
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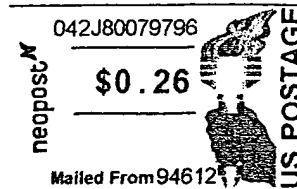
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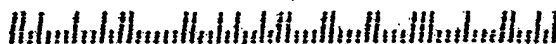

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